At the coronation of King George VI, Bishops and the two Archbishops were much in evidence, and for the first time representatives of the Nonconformist bodies participated in the ceremonial. Episcopal appointments, even colonial ones, continue to arouse interest, and in little village churches, Sunday by Sunday, rectors still pray and preach and hold up an offertory-plate to the altar, their congregations not appreciably sparser, and the offertory-plate not appreciably lighter, than ten years ago. The B.B.C. broadcasts religious services, and Toe H lamps remain alight. One spring morning in 1936 a procession of vans drove from Shoe Lane and dispersed throughout London, each bearing the poster: 'Is There an After-life? See Tomorrow's *Evening Standard'-,* the *Morning Post* shortly before its amalgamation with the *Daily Telegraph* published a series of articles entitled 'The Empty Pew'; and the more serious dailies each Saturday devote a column to religious topics, uncomfortable texts being made comfortable, harsh sayings mitigated—as, 'Take no thought for the morrow':

> So long as we are able to preserve the true balance of interests founded on a sound appreciation of life's true values we shall never allow ourselves to be the creatures of circumstance or so to fear the future as to lose faith in the loving will of God.

Clergymen continue to play their part in public affairs. The Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard was much esteemed, and founded the Peace Pledge Union, which attracted a considerable membership, among others Mr. Aldous Huxley and

Miss Rose Macaulay. When he died, occasioning some surprise by leaving ^40,000, Miss Vera Brittain expressed the opinion[6] that if he had lived the whole course of events in the years which followed his death might have been different. His successor as Dean of Canterbury, the Rev. Hewlett Johnson, has achieved prominence as an admirer of the Soviet regime and enthusiastic supporter of the Left Book Club. When he invoked a divine blessing on this organisation at an Albert Hall rally, Mr. Victor Gollancz, its

[6] In *Thrice A Stranger,*